



City of Arcadia

Office of the
City Clerk

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

As authorized by California Government Code Section 54956 and Arcadia City Charter Section 408, a Special Meeting of the Arcadia City Council is hereby called to be held at the City Council Conference Room, 240 W. Huntington Drive, Arcadia, California on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

At this Special Meeting, the following matters will be discussed.

CLOSED SESSION

- a. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(4) to confer with legal counsel regarding potential litigation - two (2) cases.
- b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with legal counsel regarding the matter of Arcadians for Environmental Preservation v. City of Arcadia, Los Angeles County Superior Court (Case No. 20STCP02902).
- c. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 to confer with labor negotiators.

City Negotiators: City Manager Dominic Lazzaretto, Assistant City Manager/Development Services Director Jason Kruckeberg, and Human Resources Administrator Anely Williams.

Employee Organizations: Arcadia Public Works Employees Association, Arcadia City Employees Association, Arcadia Police Civilian Employees Association, Arcadia Police Officers' Association, Arcadia Firefighters' Association, and unrepresented employees: Department Heads, Division Managers, Supervisors, and part-time employees.

- d. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1) to confer with legal counsel regarding Workers' Compensation matter (WCAB Case No. ADJ8802199).

CITY MANAGER

- a. Resolution No. 7523 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget and authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation for the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium in an amount not to exceed \$2,500, offset by a reduction in the General Fund Reserve.

CEQA: Not a Project

Recommended Action: Adopt

There will be time reserved for those members of the public who wish to address the City Council regarding the above items.

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In accordance with the Brown Act, public comments will be limited to addressing the items listed on this special meeting agenda. Under the Brown Act, the City Council is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not listed on the posted agenda.

No other business than the above will be considered at this meeting.

Dated: August 31, 2023



Mayor of the City of Arcadia



STAFF REPORT

Recreation and Community Services Department

DATE: September 5, 2023

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Sara Somogyi, Director of Recreation and Community Services
By: Ashley Marston, Management Aide

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NO. 7523 AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024 MULTI-AGENCY HOMELESSNESS SYMPOSIUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500, OFFSET BY A REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE

CEQA: Not a Project
Recommendation: Adopt

SUMMARY

The City Council has approved the general concept of a multi-agency homelessness symposium but asked staff to return with the more details of the proposed event. It is proposed that the event be held on February 29, 2024, at the Arcadia Community Center, with a series of speaker panels covering key topic areas. The cost of the event would be \$40 per attendee. A budget of \$2,500 from the General Fund Reserve is requested to cover any costs not absorbed by the entrance fee. The attached resolution provides the necessary budget authorization to host the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium.

It is recommended the City Council adopt Resolution No. 7523 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget and authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation for the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500, offset by a reduction in the General Fund Reserve.

BACKGROUND

Los Angeles County has experienced a rise in homelessness over the last few years and the San Gabriel Valley is no exception. The 2023 Greater Los Angeles Point-in-Time Homeless Count ("PIT Count") identified 5,009 individuals experiencing homelessness in Service Planning Area ("SPA") 3, which covers most of the San Gabriel Valley, including the City of Arcadia. The results of the 2023 PIT Count represent a 7.5% increase from 2022, in which there were 4,661 individuals experiencing homelessness.

By nature, homelessness is an extremely transitory issue. Persons experiencing homelessness do not often stay within the confines of a single city, but rather move across a larger geographic region. Since homelessness is a regional crisis, at the June 20, 2023, City Council Meeting, Mayor Pro Tem Verlato requested City Council support to host a multi-city symposium on homelessness, to facilitate the sharing of information and to discuss the learning lessons achieved through programs, projects, and housing.

While the City Council consensus was to approve the event, staff were directed to work with Mayor Pro Tem Verlato to develop the proposal in greater detail before finalizing.

DISCUSSION

It is proposed that the Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium be held on February 29, 2024. While the original request was for an event in the fall of 2023, given all the additional events being held in the community during this time, a winter date is more reasonable and will allow for more thorough planning. The event will be led by the Recreation and Community Services Department, with the collaboration of the San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments and County Supervisors that cover the San Gabriel Valley. The target audience will be city council members, city managers, and other local government executives in the San Gabriel Valley that are responsible for addressing the homelessness crisis.

The Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium will include panel presentations on homelessness initiatives, and discussions on the varying successes and failures of programs and projects that have been enacted in the region. Panels will consist of two to three staff/elected officials from neighboring cities and agencies involved in the implementation of homeless services and housing. Examples include panels on emergency shelters, hotel conversions, permanent supportive housing, enforcement, and regionalization efforts. The goal will be to provide objective analytics and learning lessons in a safe environment that cities in the region can use when considering their own approach to this complex issue. Key questions to be answered will be:

- What has worked? What has not worked?
- How are you defining success and what are you doing to track efforts and outcomes?
- What was the cost and how are you funding the program/project?
- What would you do differently?
- Has the effort reduced the number of homeless in the community?
- Has the effort been received well politically?

The event would be hosted at the Arcadia Community Center, which has the required tables, chairs, and audio-visual system to hold the event. It will be an all-day event, with coffee and pastries in the morning, a luncheon, and breaks with snacks and refreshments. The symposium will be open to the public, but the focus will be on cities

sharing information with other cities. The cost would be \$40 per person. Invited panelists will be able to attend the event free of charge; it is also recommended that the City cover the cost of the City's Homeless Stakeholders Ad Hoc Committee to attend. It is expected that approximately 125 people will attend the event, but the room can hold as many as 280 individuals, if necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS

The proposed action does not constitute a project under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"), and it can be seen with certainty that it will have no impact on the environment. Thus, this matter is exempt under CEQA.

FISCAL IMPACT

Attendees will be charged \$40 for the event to cover the costs of food and beverage services and any handout materials. Some funding may be provided by the SGVCOG and/or County Supervisors to reduce costs overall. However, a budget of \$2,500 is requested to cover any shortfalls. The associated fiscal impact is a net reduction in the General Fund Reserve, in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 for Fiscal Year 2023-24.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council determine that this action does not constitute a project and is, therefore, exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA"); and adopt Resolution No. 7523 amending the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Operating Budget and authorizing a supplemental budget appropriation for the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium in an amount not to exceed \$2,500, offset by a reduction in the General Fund Reserve.

Approved:


Dominic Lazzaretto
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution No. 7523

RESOLUTION NO. 7523

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 OPERATING BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION FOR THE 2024 MULTI-AGENCY HOMELESSNESS SYMPOSIUM IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2,500, OFFSET BY A REDUCTION IN THE GENERAL FUND RESERVE.

WHEREAS, the 2023 Greater Los Angeles Point-in-Time Homeless Count identified 5,009 individuals experiencing homelessness in Service Planning Area 3, which includes the City of Arcadia.; and

WHEREAS, homelessness by nature is transitory and persons experiencing homelessness do not often stay within the confines of a single city, but rather move across a larger geographic region; and

WHEREAS, community symposiums foster multi-city connection and open discussion for the betterment of all; and

WHEREAS, the Recreation and Community Services Department is at the forefront of the City's homelessness initiative and serves as the designated project lead for coordinating the City's response to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium; and

WHEREAS, a budget in an amount not to exceed \$2,500 is necessary to hold the 2024 Multi-Agency Homelessness Symposium occurring on February, 29, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is authorized to grant monies for purposes that provide community benefit and meet a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City Manager has certified that there are sufficient reserves

available in the General Fund Reserve for appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, CALIFORNIA, DOES FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500) is hereby appropriated in the Recreation and Community Services Department budget, offset with a reduction in the General Fund Reserve by \$2,500.

SECTION 2. The City Manager is authorized to sign any agreements or take any other actions necessary to effectuate this resolution.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

[SIGNATURES ON THE NEXT PAGE]


Passed, approved and adopted this 5th day of September, 2023.

Mayor of the City of Arcadia

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michael J. Maurer
City Attorney